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**RESPONSE**

Responsive to the Official Action of September 20, 2004 and the requirement for restriction presented in it, applicants elect the subject matter of Group I, namely claims 2-4. This response is made with traverse to the extent the non-elected method and process claims 21-30 may be rejoined once the elected product claims are in condition for allowance.

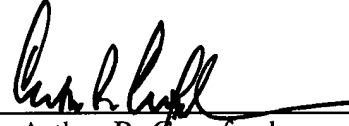
Please examine the elected claims taking into account the Information Disclosure Statements filed August 17, 2001 and September 28, 2004. An examination on the merits is awaited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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